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SUBJECT: HAILE SELASSIE, NIMIERI AND KAUNDA TO SEE POPE

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1. VATICAN INFORMED US MORNING DEC 19 THAT HAILE SELASSIE AND PRESIDENTS NIMIERI AND KAUNDA WOULD HAVE PRIVATE PAPAL AUDIENCE ON SATURDAY, DEC 22. ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO HOLY SEE AGEBE MADE AUDIENCE REQUEST TO ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI EVENING DEC 17 AND VATICAN GAVE AFFIRMATIVE REPLY DEC 18. THREE CHIEFS OF STATE MERELY REQUESTED TO SEE POPE TO DISCUSS ME WITHOUT SPECIFYING JERUSALEM OR OTHER ASPECTS.

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2. VATICAN SOURCE SAID VISIT WILL BE KEPT QUIET AS LONG AS
POSSIBLE AS BOTH VATICAN AND ITALIANS VERY CONCERNED OVER
SECURITY IMPLICATION OF HAVING THREE CHIEFS OF STATE IN ROME
SIMULTANEOUSLY, ESPECIALLY IN WAKE OF FUMICINO AIRPORT MASSACRE.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USINT CAIRO.

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